

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

*Whereas*, Ross Caldwell has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

*Whereas*, Ross has been a devoted servant to the people of South Dakota since joining the South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) in 1973, serving in the capacity of Equipment Operator I, Highway Maintenance Worker I & II, Senior Highway Maintenance Worker, Lead Maintenance Worker, and Highway Maintenance Foreman; and,

*Whereas*, Ross has graciously endured 35 winters, numerous blizzards, along with floods, fires, and other natural disasters, requiring long hours and personal sacrifice, to create safe travel opportunities; and,

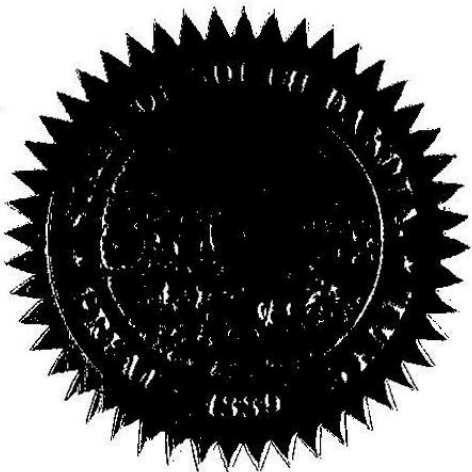
*Whereas*, On October 23, 2009, after 35 years of service to the South Dakota Department of Transportation, Ross is retiring; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2009, as

### *ROSS CALDWELL DAY*

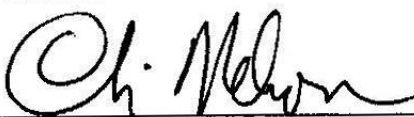
in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, family, and friends in the Department of Transportation in wishing him a fulfilling, healthy, and happy retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State